



Date: November 24, 2009

Dear Idaho Elementary School,

While the spring planting season – and Arbor Day – are still a few months away, the Arbor Day Foundation, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Forest Products Commission are now encouraging fifth grade classrooms across Idaho to take part in the 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest. With your help, more than 63,000 classrooms nationwide will participate this year. Teachers who sign up will receive free curriculum materials including in-depth lesson plans, hands-on activities, and contest information. A statewide winner for the poster contest will be announced on March 15th, 2010. His or her entry will be a finalist in the national contest.

Enclosed in this envelope are postcards with details about the contest. We would ask that you please distribute them to your fifth grade teachers. The Poster Contest Coordinator's contact information is also on the postcard, teachers can contact me for additional details.

Savings bonds will be awarded to Idaho students for the top three posters. 1st place will receive a \$200 bond, 2nd gets \$100, and 3rd gets \$50. Teachers of these students will receive \$100 for use in their classroom.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerry Bates".

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